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The Reformed Church in the U. S.

FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD

1870.



What is thy only comfort in life and in death?

ANSWER.

That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with His precious blood, hath fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the Devil; and so preserves me, that, without the will of my Father in Heaven, not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

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ALMANAC FOR THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1870, being a common year of 365 days.

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter, B.—Solar Cycle, 3.—Golden Number, 9.—Roman Indiction, 13.—Epect, 28.—Julian Period, 6583.

The Jewish Era with their year, 5631, commences at the 26th of September, 1870.

The Mohamedan Era with their year, 1287, commences at the 3d of April, 1870.

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday,	Feb. 13.	Palm Sunday,	April 10.	Trinity Sunday,	June 12.
Quinquagesima Sunday,	Feb. 27.	Easter Sunday,	April 17.	Corpus Christi,	June 16.
Shrove Tuesday,	March 1.	Ascension or Holy Thursday,	May 26.	First Sunday in Advent,	Nov. 27.
Ash Wednesday,	March 2.	Whit Sunday or Pentecost,	June 5.	Sundays after Trinity are 23.	

EMBER DAYS.

9th of March, 8th of June, 21st of September, 21st of December.

THE FOUR SEASONS OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox, Sun enters Aries the 20th of March, 2 o'clock, 24 min. morning.

Summer Solstice, Sun enters Cancer the 21st of June, 10 o'clock, 55 min. forenoon.

Autumnal Equinox, Sun enters Libra the 23d of September, 1 o'clock, 17 min. morning.

Winter Solstice, Sun enters Capricornus the 21st of December, 7 o'clock, 15 min. evening.

Sun is called the Governing Planet.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1870.

There will be four Eclipses of the Sun and two of the Moon.

The first is a Total Eclipse of the Moon, the 17th of January, 9 o'clock, 40 min. in the morning, therefore invisible.

The second is a Partial Eclipse of the Sun, the 31st of January, 10 o'clock, 28 min. in the forenoon. Here invisible; only visible at the South Pole.

The third is a Partial Eclipse of the Sun, the 28th of June, 6 o'clock 40 min. in the evening. Also invisible; visible on the South Pacific Ocean.

The fourth is a Total Eclipse of the Moon, the 12th of July, 5 o'clock, 32 min. in the afternoon. Invisible here; when the Moon rises, the Eclipse has passed.

The fifth is a Partial Eclipse of the Sun, the 28th of July, 6 o'clock, 8 min. in the morning. Invisible here; visible on the North Pacific Ocean.

The sixth is a Total Eclipse of the Sun, the 22d of December, 7 o'clock, 16 min. in the morning. Also invisible; mostly visible on the Atlantic Ocean, Europe, and Africa.

Calculations by LAWRENCE J. IBACH, Sheridan, Pa.

A TABLE FOR FORETELLING THE WEATHER.

The following is Dr. ADAM CLARK's famous table for foretelling the kind of weather throughout the Lunations for each year forever. If correct, it will be an invaluable friend to the farmer—and indeed to persons of almost every occupation. Try it:—

TABLE.—The table and the accompanying remarks are the result of many years' actual observation, the whole being con-

structed on a due consideration of the attraction of the Sun and Moon, in the several positions respecting the earth, and will, by a simple inspection, show the observer what kind of weather will most probably follow the entrance of the Moon into any of its quarters, and that so near the truth as to be seldom or never found to fail.

MOON.	TIME OF CHANGE.	IN SUMMER.	IN WINTER.
If the New Moon, the First Quarter, the Full Moon, or the Last Quarter, happens	Between midnight and 2 in the morning.....	Fair,	Hard frost, unless the wind be S. or W.
	2 and 4, morning.....	Cold, with showers.....	Cold and stormy.
	4 and 6, ".....	Rain,	Rain.
	6 and 8, ".....	Wind and rain.....	S. or my.
	8 and 10, ".....	Changeable,	Cold rain, if wind be W. Snow, if E.
	10 and 12, ".....	Frequent showers.....	Cold and high wind.
	At 12 o'clock, at noon, and at 2 P. M.....	Very rainy,	Snow or rain.
	Between 2 and 4, afternoon.....	Changeable,	Fair and mild.
	4 and 6, ".....	Fair.....	Fair.
	6 and 8, ".....	Fair, if wind N. W.....	Fair and frosty, if wind N. or N. E.
	8 and 10, ".....	Rainy, if wind S. W.....	Rain or Snow, if S. or S. W.
	10 and midnight.....	do do.....	do do
	12 and 2 A. M.....	Fair.....	Fair and frosty.

Observations.—1. The nearer the time of the Moon's change, First Quarter, Full, and Last Quarter, are to *midnight*, the fairer will the weather be during the seven days following. 2. The space for this calculation occupies from 10 at night till 2 next morning. 3. The nearer to *mid-day* or *noon* the phases of the moon happen, the more foul or wet weather may be expected during the next seven days. 4. The space for this calculation occupies from 10 in the forenoon to 2 in the afternoon. These observations refer principally to the Summer, though they affect Spring and Autumn nearly in the same ratio. The Moon's Change, First Quarter, Full, and Last Quarter, happening dur-

ing six of the afternoon hours, *i. e.* from 4 to 10, may be followed by fair weather; but this is mostly dependent on the wind, as noted in the table. 6. Though the weather, from a variety of irregular causes, is more uncertain in the latter part of autumn, the whole winter, and the beginning of spring, yet in the main, the above observations will apply to those periods also. 7. To prognosticate correctly, especially in those cases where the wind is concerned, the observer should be within sight of a good vane, where the four cardinal points of the heavens are correctly placed. Within this precaution, he will scarcely ever be deceived in depending on the table.

JANUARY,

1st Month, 31 Days.

1870.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R.&S. h m	Moon's Place.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellaneous.	s. sl. rises m h m	SUN sets. h m	SUN style
Saturday	1 <i>New Year</i>	Gal. 3, 23-29	☾ sets	♌ 2	♌ 1st ♀ sets 8 24 ☾	4 7 23	4 37 20	
1] <i>Sunday after New Year.</i> St. Matthew 2, 13-27; 1 Pet. 4, 12-19. <i>Day's length 9 hrs. 14 min.</i>								
Sunday	2 Abel, Seth	Gen. 4, 2-8	5 30	♌ 14	♌ ☽ ♀ sets 5 28 ☽	4 7 23	4 37 21	
Monday	3 Enoch	" 5, 18-24	6 24	♌ 26	♌ ☽ ☽ ☽ sets 5 30	5 7 23	4 37 22	
Tuesday	4 Isabella	1 Kings 21	7 20	♌ 8	♌ rises 5 18	5 7 22	4 38 23	
Wednesday	5 Simon	Luke 2, 25-32	8 17	♌ 19	♌ ☽ ♀ ☽ stationary	6 7 22	4 38 24	
Thursday	6 <i>Epiphany</i>	Isa. 2	9 14	♌ 1	♌ ☽ ☽ Castor S. 12 14	6 7 21	4 39 25	
Friday	7 Isidor	" 42	10 11	♌ 13	♌ ☽ Neptune ☽	7 7 21	4 39 26	
Saturday	8 Erhard	Matth. 3, 1-12	11 8	♌ 25	Sirius south 11 20	7 7 20	4 40 27	
2] <i>1st Sunday after Epiphany.</i> St. Luke 2: 41-52; Rom. 12: 1-5. <i>Day's Length 9 hours, 20 min.</i>								
Sunday	9 Julian	Matth. 5, 27 f.	morn	♌ 7	♌ 9th ☽ in apo.	7 7 20	4 40 28	
Monday	10 <i>Paul's Imp.</i>	" 10	12 4	♌ 19	♌ ☽ ☽ ☽ sets 8 10	8 7 19	4 41 29	
Tuesday	11 Hyginus	" 12	1 12	♌ 2	♌ ☽ ☽ ☽ south 7 59	8 7 19	4 41 30	
Wednesday	12 Rinehold	" 13, 1-22	2 22	♌ 15	♌ rises 4 57	8 7 18	4 42 31	
Thursday	13 Hilary	" 3, 13-17	3 19	♌ 28	7* south 8 2	9 7 17	4 43 J.	
Friday	14 Felix	Acts 24	4 10	♌ 12	Aldebaran south 8 42	9 7 17	4 43 2	
Saturday	15 Maurice	Matth. 15	5 1	♌ 26	Orion south 10 1 ☾	9 7 16	4 44 3	
3] <i>2d Sunday after Epiphany.</i> St. John 2: 1-11; Rom. 12: 6-16. <i>Day's Length, 9 hours, 30 min.</i>								
Sunday	16 Marcellus	Matth. 16	5 59	♌ 11	♌ ☽ ☽ ☽	10 7 15	4 45 4	
Monday	17 <i>Anthony</i>	Acts 9, 23 f.	☾ rises	♌ 26	♌ 17th ♀ rises 4 37	10 7 14	4 46 5	
Tuesday	18 <i>Franklin born.</i>	Prov. 3	6 25	♌ 11	♌ ☽ gr. brilliancy	10 7 13	4 47 6	
Wednesday	19 Heid. Cat. 1563	1 Peter 3, 1-7	7 38	♌ 26	♌ ☽ sets 7 59	11 7 12	4 48 7	
Thursday	20 St. Sebastian	Mark 10	8 50	♌ 11	♌ ☽ enters ☽	11 7 12	4 48 8	
Friday	21 Agnes	" 12	9 59	♌ 25	♌ ☽ in per. ☽ south 7 10	11 7 11	4 49 9	
Saturday	22 Vincent	" 13	11 10	♌ 10	Regulus rises 6 58	12 7 10	4 50 10	
4] <i>3d Sunday after Epiphany.</i> St. Matthew 8: 1-13; Rom. 12: 17-21. <i>Day's Length, 9 hours, 42 min.</i>								
Sunday	23 Emerenth	Matth. 5	morn	♌ 24	Capella south 8 44	12 7 9	4 51 11	
Monday	24 Timothy	1 Tim. 1	12 14	♌ 7	♌ 24th ♀ stationary	12 7 8	4 52 12	
Tuesday	25 <i>Paul's Conver.</i>	Acts 9, 1-22	1 15	♌ 21	♌ Rigel south 8 28	13 7 7	4 53 13	
Wednesday	26 Polycarpus	Matth. 6	2 18	♌ 3	Sirius south 10 6	13 7 6	4 54 14	
Thursday	27 F. Chrysostom	" 7	3 11	♌ 16	♌ ☽ ☽ ♀ rises 3 57	13 7 5	4 55 15	
Friday	28 Charles	" 14	4 5	♌ 28	♌ ☽ ☽ ♀ sets 7 40 ☾	13 7 4	4 56 16	
Saturday	29 Valerius	Rom. 6	5 0	♌ 11	7* south 6 52	13 7 3	4 57 17	
5] <i>4th Sunday after Epiphany.</i> St. Matthew 8: 23-27; Rom. 13: 8-10. <i>Day's Length 9 hours, 56 min.</i>								
Sunday	30 Adelgunda	Luke 9	5 50	♌ 23	♌ ☽ sets 11 52	14 7 2	4 58 18	
Monday	31 Virgil	" 12	☾ sets	♌ 5	♌ 31st ☽ ☽ ♀ ☽ S. ☽	14 7 1	4 59 19	

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon,	1st day,	7 o'clock,	1 min.	Evening.
First Quarter,	9th "	3 "	55 "	Afternoon.
Full Moon,	17th "	9 "	35 "	Morning.
Last Quarter,	24th "	5 "	10 "	Morning.
New Moon,	31st "	10 "	36 "	Forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, 4, cloudy; 5, snow; 6, 7, clear; 9, 10, cloudy with snow; 11, 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, N. W. cold; 16, 17, rain and snow; 18, 19, 20, clear and cold; 21 Moderate; 22, 23, rain and snow; 24, 25, stormy; 26 coldest day; 27, 28, cold; 29, 30, cloudy; 31, variable.



ON THE ROAD TO SCHOOL.

Ah, ye town and city children, with pale faces, and fine furs, who think half a mile to school a long distance in winter, even with your brick pavements nicely cleared of snow,—look at these healthy-cheeked country boys and girls, on *their* way to school, through snow and storm, over two or even three half miles! They are quite as happy as you, and often make much less ado about both roads and lessons. They grow up hardy and strong, earnest and honest, and make in part our best citizens. Sometimes you laugh at their dress or manners; but in after years you may be glad if they do not stand above you.

EPIPHANY.

"This holy day always comes on the sixth of January, and celebrates the showing of Christ to the Wise men, or heathen, who, guided by a wonderful star, came from the far East, to see the new-born king.

"This wonderful event in the infancy of Christ was to show that He was born not only for Jews, but for Gentiles, that is, for the whole world; that the Jews were no longer to be especially the favored people of God; but that all men were to be called to the knowledge of truth and the ways

of salvation; in other words that the kingdom of Christ was not to be national, or the kingdom of one nation or place, but Catholic or universal; a kingdom including all nations, as the prophets had often announced."

THE BAPTISMAL VOW.

What a world of meaning there is in the Baptismal Vow which parents make in behalf of their children! "Dost thou *in the name of this child*," do thus and so? That is, will you see to it that he do duly in his own name, and by his own act, renounce the devil, the world and the flesh, believe in the Holy

Trinity, and obey God's Commandments? Will you make yourself responsible for this result? Will you do all in your power to secure it?

How strange that many parents live so indifferent to these vows! How faulty their own lives are! How little they then train the children! How little they teach them! How will they answer those vows in judgment?

THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT.

(MATT. II. 13-15.)

"Jesus fugitive, who fled
From Herod's bloody net outspread,
For Thy dear infancy,
Give me, oh, Lord, like modest care,
To fly the world, when it speaks fair,
To steal Thy grace away."

WHAT folly for a pastor to expect two, four, or six hundred members, all to bend to his wishes and notions! What equal folly for two, four or six hundred members, to expect the pastor to bend to all their wishes and notions! Each must try to be faithful in his place, and to bear with the weaknesses and short-comings of the other.

FALSE teeth and false hair, may be well enough; but a false face is hateful, and a false tongue.

1870.

1, 2, cloudy with snow; 3, 4, 5, clear cold and snow; 7, 8, 9, N. W. cold; 10, 11, very cold; 12, 13, snow; 14, 15, cold; 16, 17, cloudy; 18, 19, rain and snow; 20, N. W. cold; 21, 22, 23, 24, moderate; 25, 26, 27, 28 rainy.



THE OSTRICH is a very large bird, and is found in the far East. From the ground to the top of the head it measures from seven to ten feet, the head and neck being three or more feet long. Its wings are so short it cannot fly, but they greatly aid the Ostrich in running. The feathers upon the tail and wings are very valuable, being used in fine dressing. Its eggs weigh as much as three pounds.

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS.

Jesus our Saviour, was baptized by John, in the River Jordan, when thirty years old (Luke iii. 23); from which time dates His public ministry. Only after this did He teach the people.

"Jesus! the Father's words approve
His Son in Jordan, while the Dove
Bright witness, hovers down;
So wash me, Lord, that I may be,
At the great day, approved of Thee
Before Thy Father's throne."

WHICH FITS? THE SHOE OR THE FOOT?

To ask, "Did the shoe fit you?" is not a correct question; at least in reference to a sermon. The Gospel shoe does not change, because it is the

Lord's own making; but your feet change. The fitting depends on yourself; and if there is any pinching, it is because your foot of sin does not fit the gospel shoe. The preacher does not make either the shoe or the foot; the Lord makes the one and you the other. Better ask, then, whether your foot fits this unchanging shoe.

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



























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TEACH children to feel the need of not only the Sunday-school, but also of the congregational service; and carefully see that they attend it. We are considerably in danger from the gulf of separation that now lies between the school and the congregation. It requires great care and labor to make the Sunday-school what it should be for the congregation.

MARCH,

3rd Month, 31 Days.

1870.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R. & S. h m	Moon's Place.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellaneous.	S. sl. rises m	SUN rises h m	SUN sets. h m	O. Style
Tuesday	1 Shrove Tues.	Dan. 3	5 46	 25	♀ gr. Hel. lat N. 3. ☾	13 6 25	5 35	17	
Wednesday	2 Ash Wednes.	Job 1	☾ sets	 7	2d. ♂ ☾ ☿	12 6 24	5 36	18	
Thursday	3 Samuel	1 Sam. 4	6 32	 19	☿ ris. 5 12. M. star	12 6 23	5 37	19	
Friday	4 Casimer	1 Sam. 5	7 33	 1	♄ rises 1 40	12 6 21	5 39	20	
Saturday	5 Frederick	Joel 2	8 30	 13	☾ in apo. Sirius so. 7 32	12 6 20	5 40	21	
10] 1st Sunday in Lent. St. Matt. 4: 1-11; 2 Cor. 6: 1-10. Day's Length, 11 hrs. 22 min.									
Sunday	6 Fredolin	Job 42	9 28	 25	Regulus south 10 52	11 6 19	5 41	22	
Monday	7 Thos. Aquinas	1 Tim. 2	10 27	 7	♄ ☾ ♃. ♃ sets 10 22	11 6 17	5 43	23	
Tuesday	8 Philemon.	Philemon	11 29	 20	Orion south 6 34	11 6 16	5 44	24	
Wednesday	9 Emberday	1 Tim. 3	morn	 3	♄ rises 7 38	11 6 15	5 45	25	
Thursday	10 Alexander	1 Tim. 4	12 31	 16	10th. ♂ ☿ ♀.	10 6 13	5 47	26	
Friday	11 Rosina	1 Tim. 5	1 26	 29	♀ rises 4 46. ☾	10 6 12	5 48	27	
Saturday	12 Gregory	1 Tim. 6	2 24	 13	♄ ☾ ☐. ♂ ☿ ☐	10 6 11	5 49	28	
11] 2d Sunday in Lent. St. Matt. 15: 21-28; 1 Thess. 4: 1-7. Day's Length, 11 hrs. 40 min.									
Sunday	13 Modesta	Gal. 2.	3 20	 27	♄ rises 1 4	10 6 10	5 50	M	
Monday	14 Zachariah	Luke 1, 5-25	4 10	 12	♀ stationary	9 6 8	5 52	2	
Tuesday	15 Christopher	2 Tim. 1	4 57	 27	♄ ☾ sets 10 1	9 6 7	5 53	3	
Wednesday	16 Cyprianus	2 Tim. 2	5 41	 12	♄ Spica rises 8 10	9 6 6	5 54	4	
Thursday	17 Gertrude	Psaln 23	☾ ris.	 27	17. Orion set 12 25	9 6 4	5 56	5	
Friday	18 Anselm	Titus 1	7 28	 12	☾ in per. ☐ ♄ ☐	8 6 3	5 57	6	
Saturday	19 Josephus	Titus 2, 1-10	8 44	 27	♀ rises 4 22	8 6 1	5 59	7	
12] 3d Sunday in Lent. St. Luke 11: 14-28; Eph. 5: 1-9. Day's Length, 12 hrs. 0 min.									
Sunday	20 Matrona	Titus 3	9 52	 12	☾ Cent. ♀. Day & night eq	8 6 0	6 0	8	
Monday	21 Benedictus	1 John 1	10 59	 26	Spring commences	7 5 59	6 1	9	
Tuesday	22 Paulina	2 Pet. 1	morn	 9	☾ sets 9 44 [12 24	7 5 58	6 2	10	
Wednesday	23 Eberhard	2 Pet. 2	12 0	 22	♄ 23. ♄ ☾ ♄. ♄ ris	7 5 56	6 4	11	
Thursday	24 Gabriel	Luke 1, 1-25	5 58	 4	♄ Rigel sets 10 26	6 5 55	6 5	12	
Friday	25 Ann. V. M.	Luke 1, 26-28	1 51	 16	7* sets 10 52	6 5 54	6 6	13	
Saturday	26 Emmanuel	Isa. 8.	2 40	 28	☿ stationary	6 5 53	6 7	14	
13] 4th Sunday in Lent. St. John 6: 1-15; Gal. 4: 21-31. Day's Length 12 hrs. 18 min.									
Sunday	27 Gustavus	1 John 2	3 21	 10	☾ sets 9 33	5 5 51	6 9	15	
Monday	28 Malchus	John 18	4 18	 22	♄ ☾ ♀. ♀ rises 4 10	5 5 50	6 10	16	
Tuesday	29 Eustatius	Heb. 7.	5 0	 4	♄ gr. Hel. lat. S. 3	5 5 49	6 11	17	
Wednesday	30 Guido	Psaln 6	5 33	 16	♄ ☾ ♀. ♄ ris 11 56	5 5 47	6 13	18	
Thursday	31 Amos	Matth. 26	☾ sets	 28	31 ♀ gr. br. ♂ ☾ ☿	4 5 46	6 14	19	

Mars (♄) is on the 12th in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES.				CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.			
New Moon	2d day,	3 o'clock, 27 min.	Morning.	1, 2, 3, fair;	4, 5, variable;	6, 7, 8, N. W. cold;	9, 10, moderate;
First Quarter,	10th "	8 "	1 " Morning.	11, 12, variable;	13, 14, clear and cold;	15, 16, 17, rain;	18, 19, equinoctial storm;
Full Moon,	17th "	8 "	43 " Morning.	20, 21, variable;	22, 23, 24, cloudy;	25, 26, 27, 28, variable;	29, rain;
Last Quarter	23d "	11 "	30 " Evening.	31, fair.			
New Moon,	31st "	8 "	54 " Evening.				



If it is raining out-doors, we can still spend a pleasant day within. The photograph album, the picture books, the catechism, the church paper, the toys—why there is scarcely any end to the pleasant and useful pastimes we can find! Never grumble when it rains, or snows. God makes the weather, and it is well made.

THE REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD.

What has it done during the year? Published the Mercersburg Review, Messenger, Kirchenzeitung, Guardian, Child's Treasury and Lammerhirte, tracts, catechisms, and several Sunday-school books, and good books for our families.

What does it need now? A building of its own in which to carry forward its business; subscribers to its different publications; funds with which to publish one hundred Sunday-school books; it needs the prayers of the people, and kind words of encouragement.

As business increases, men increase their machinery, hands, and general facilities; why not do so in the Church? Why not have a larger Publication office, more hands everywhere, and a larger

outcome of books, papers, tracts, catechisms, and other pastoral helps?

PAY YOUR MINISTER BETTER.

One of the crying sins and shames of the Christian Church of our day, is the starving rate at which pastors are paid. After spending eight or ten years, several thousand dollars in preparations for the ministry, it seems really sad that their after life is often one of comparative starvation. Even a clerk or mechanic can lay by something for the future; but the over-worked pastor is glad even to see ends meet.

"Live on faith," did you say? But can he eat faith, or wear it, or satisfy the grocer and shoemaker with it?

Many good people see this matter aright. Indeed many are ashamed of it. A Welsh woman one Sunday morning after service said to her pastor, "You have given us a wonderful sermon; I hope you will be paid at the resurrection!"

"Of course I will," was the quaint reply; "*but what shall I do till I get there?*"

Pay your minister well now, while he needs your pay. Don't let him wait till the resurrection.

THE CREED AND THE CHURCH YEAR.

































The Apostles' Creed is an outline of Christian Doctrine; the Church Year is an outline of Christian Worship. In the first we *confess* before God and men the blessed facts of Christianity; in the second we *celebrate* them. The two are related as doctrine and devotion, as faith and worship. See how at every step they go hand in hand! The Creed gives you Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; the Church Year gives you Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide.

It is surprising in one view, what a change is gradually being made in many churches in regard to both the Creed and the Church Year. Only a few years ago, neither received any attention, except in a few denominations; now the Creed is coming into actual public use where it has never been heard, and the Church Festivals are observed more or less by nearly all denominations. The leaven of a better spirit is evidently working, as is plain especially in hundreds of Sunday-schools outside of the Reformed Church.

APRIL,

4th Month, 30 Days.

1870.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable days.	Daily Bible Lessons	Moon R.&S. h m	Moon's Place.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellaneous.	S. sl. m	SUN rises h m	SUN sets h m	O. style
Friday	1 Theodore	Psalm 12	6 59	 10	♀ rises 3 59		4 5 45	6 15 20	
Saturday	2 Theodosia	" 16	7 49	 22	♂ in apo. Reg. so. 9 15		4 5 44	6 16 21	
14] 5th Sunday in Lent. St. John 8: 46-59; Heb. 9: 11-15. Day's Length 12 hrs. 36 min.									
Sunday	3 Ferdinand	Psalm 18	8 49	 5	Antares rises 11 9		3 5 42	6 18 22	
Monday	4 Ambrosius	Matth. 27	9 50	 17	♂ ♀ ♄. ♄ sets 9 12		3 5 41	6 19 23	
Tuesday	5 Maximus	" 28	10 52	 0	7* sets 10 14		3 5 40	6 20 24	
Wednesday	6 Sixtus	Heb. 1	11 54	 13	♂ rises 11 36		2 5 38	6 22 25	
Thursday	7 Egesippus	Exodus 4	morn	 26	♂ station. ♂ ♄ ♄. ☾		2 5 37	6 23 26	
Friday	8 Dyonisius	Acts 17	12 30	 10	♂ 8th. ♂ ♄ ♄.		2 5 36	6 24 27	
Saturday	9 Prochorus	" 7	1 24	 23	♂ Neptune ☾		2 5 34	6 26 28	
15] Palm Sunday. St. Matthew 21: 1-9; Phil. 2: 5-11. Day's Length 12 hours, 54 min.									
Sunday	10 Daniel	Dan. 6	2 16	 7	♀ rises 3 41		1 5 33	6 27 29	
Monday	11 Julius	Acts 27	3 4	 21	♂. ♄ sets 8 48		1 5 32	6 28 30	
Tuesday	12 Constantine	Heb. 3	3 46	 6	♂ rises 11 20		1 5 31	6 29 31	
Wednesday	13 Euphemia	" 4	4 22	 21	♂ ♄ ☾ superior		1 5 29	6 31 A.	
Thursday	14 Maund. Thurs.	2 Sam. 3.	4 57	 6	Wega rises 8 16		0 5 28	6 32 2	
Friday	15 Good Friday	Heb. 5	♂ ris.	 21	♂ 15th. ♄ in per		5 27	6 33 3	
Saturday	16 Olympia	" 8	7 39	 5	♂ Spica so. 11 38		5 25	6 35 4	
16] Easter Sunday. St. Mark 16: 1-8; 1 Cor. 5: 6-8. Day's Length, 13 hours, 12 min.									
Sunday	17 Easter Sunday	Heb. 9, 16 ff	8 47	 19	♀ rises 3 28		0 5 24	6 36 5	
Monday	18 Easter Monday	1 Cor. 11. 23 ff	9 54	 3	♄ sets 8 32		1 5 23	6 37 6	
Tuesday	19 Crescentius	Isa. 53	10 55	 17	♂ ♄ ♂. ♂ rises 10 56		1 5 22	6 38 7	
Wednesday	20 Sulpitius	Heb. 11	11 51	 0	☾ enters 8.		1 5 21	6 39 8	
Thursday	21 Adolarius	Matth. 28, 1-10	morn	 13	Sirius sets 9 28		1 5 20	6 40 9	
Friday	22 Cajus	Luke 24, 13-35	12 40	 26	♂ 22d. ♄ in perihel		2 5 18	6 42 10	
Saturday	23 St. George	" 24, 36-47	1 26	 7	7* sets 9 5		2 5 17	6 43 11	
17] 1st Sunday after Easter. St. John 20: 19-31; 1 John 5: 4-10. Day's Length, 13 hours, 28 min.									
Sunday	24 Albert	Psalm 19.	2 4	 19	♂. Orion sets 10 4		2 5 16	6 44 12	
Monday	25 St. Mark Ev.	1 Peter 5, 12 ff	2 40	 0	♄ sets 8 11		2 5 15	6 45 13	
Tuesday	26 Cletus	1 John 3, 1-12	3 8	 12	♂ ♄ ♄. ♄ rises 3 12		2 5 14	6 46 14	
Wednesday	27 Anastasius	Heb. 12	3 41	 24	♀ in ☾. Antar. ris. 9 58		2 5 12	6 48 15	
Thursday	28 Vitalis	Psalm 22	4 6	 6	♂ rises 10 24		3 5 11	6 49 16	
Friday	29 Sybilla	" 33	4 36	 18	♂ in apo. ♂ ♄ ♄		3 5 10	6 50 17	
Saturday	30 Eutropius	" 35	♂ sets	 1	♂ 30. ♄ ris. 4 50 mor.		3 5 9	6 51 18	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 8th day, 11 o'clock, 23 min. Evening.
 Full Moon, 15th " 5 " 26 " Evening.
 Last Quarter, 22d " 11 " 26 " Forenoon.
 New Moon, 30th " 1 " 37 " Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, showers; 4, 5, 6, pleasant; 7, 8, thunder showers; 9, 10, 11, fair; 12, cloudy; 13, 14, thunder showers; 15, 16, clear; 17, rain; 18, 19, 20, fair; 21, 22, variable; 23, 24, rain; 25, 26, 27, fair; 28, 29, thunder showers; 30, fair.



"ONE day, the sun was warm and bright,
And shining in the sky;
A mother said, 'My little dears,
'Tis time you learnt to fly;
And all the little young ones said,
'I'll try, I'll try, I'll try.'

"I know a child, and who she is
I'll tell you by and by,
When mamma says, 'Do this,' or, 'that,'
She says, 'What for?' and 'Why?'
She'd be a better child by far,
If she would say, 'I'll try.'"

GOOD FRIDAY.

Why does our catechism in the first answer, and several times afterward call the blood of Christ "precious?" So in Peter i. 1-19?

To distinguish it from the merely "typical" blood of Jewish sacrificial lambs. Their blood could not take away sin; but simply pointed the believing Jew forward to the "Lamb of God," whose blood really did what the other could only typify.

The matter is beautifully explained in the second part of the fifty-first Metrical Psalm, and in Hymn 223d.

WHAT a wonderful power for good a smile of notice is! Pastors and teachers would do well to make a note of this. Plain people feel very kindly toward those who show this neat little attention.

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.

"All hail! dear Conqueror, all hail!
Oh, what a victory is Thine!
How beautiful Thy strength appears,
Thy crimson wounds, how bright they shine!

"Thou camest at the dawn of day,
Armies of souls around Thee were:
Blest spirits, thronging to adore
Thy flesh so marvelous, so fair!

"Ye Heavens, how sang they in your courts,
How sang th' angelic choirs that day,
When from His tomb th' imprisoned God
Like the strong sunrise broke away!"

WHERE SHALL THEY BE BAPTIZED?

Where shall the children be baptized? At home, or in church? Shall this confession of Christ be private, or "before men?" By all means, as a rule, this sacrament should be before the congregation.

So says the Palatinate Liturgy of our Church, published in 1567, and used in Europe for two hundred years. The following direction is given in its baptismal service:—

"Whenever, therefore, it is requested in a becoming way on behalf of children, *and they are brought into the church* to the ministers of the Word, they shall baptize them. This shall be done especially on Sundays, or Holy days, or otherwise at public weekday service, after the sermon, IN PRESENCE OF THE CONGREGATION, so that every one may be reminded of his own baptism, and they may unitedly call upon the name of the Lord on behalf of the child."

Surely this is good authority for a custom that unfortunately has greatly fallen out of use. Parents or ministers may frame excuses, but there stands the old "Reformed" order for church-baptisms!

At a low estimate there are in the United States almost six hundred thousand persons employed in making and selling liquor, but only about one hundred and fifty thousand ministers and school teachers! With four times as many hands, no wonder the Devil's work goes on so briskly!

MAY,

5th Month, 31 Days.

1870.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R.&S. h m	Moon's Place.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellaneous.	s. sl. rises m h m	SUN sets. h m	SUN sets. h m	O. style
18] 2d Sunday after Easter. St. John 10: 12-16; 1 Pet. 2: 21-25. Day's Length 13 hrs. 44 min.									
Sunday	1 Phil. & James	John 14, 1-14	7 40		14 ♄ ♃ ♄. ♀ ris 3 6	3 5	8 6	52 19	
Monday	2 Sigismund	Psalm 51	8 32		27 ♄ ♃ ♄. ♀ gr. hel. lat. N.	3 5	7 6	53 20	
Tuesday	3 Inv. of Cross	" 102	9 27		10 ♄ sets 7 50	3 5	6 6	54 21	
Wednesday	4 Florianus	" 103	10 22		23 ♀ gr. elong. West	3 5	4 6	56 22	
Thursday	5 Gotthart	" 104	11 20		7 ♃ rises 10 3	3 5	3 6	57 23	
Friday	6 Dietrich	" 118	morn		20 ♄ ♃ ♄. ♀ rises 4 41	4 5	2 6	58 24	
Saturday	7 Godfrey	James 1	12 14		4 Spica south 10 22	4 5	1 6	59 25	
19] 3d Sunday after Easter. St. John 16: 16-23; 1 Pet. 2: 11-20. Day's Length 14 hrs. 0 min.									
Sunday	8 Stanislaus	James 2	1 3		18 8th. Sirius s. 8 40	4 5	0 7	0 26	
Monday	9 Job	" 3	1 47		3 ♃. ♃ rises. 9 48	4 4	59 7	1 27	
Tuesday	10 Gordianus	" 4	2 24		17 ♀ rises 2 59	4 4	58 7	2 28	
Wednesday	11 John Arndt	" 5	3 0		1 ♃ gr. elong. East.	4 4	57 7	3 29	
Thursday	12 Pancratius	Psalm 121	3 34		15 ♃ sets 7 56	4 4	56 7	4 30	
Friday	13 Servatius	Rev. 1	4 3		29 Libra south 11 42	4 4	55 7	5 M.	
Saturday	14 Christianus	" 3	4 36		14 ♄ in per. ♃ ris. 4 20	4 4	54 7	6 2	
20] 4th Sunday after Easter. St. John 16: 5-15; Jas. 1: 16-21. Day's Length 14 hrs. 14 min.									
Sunday	15 Sophia	Rev. 14	8 46		28 15. Antar. ris. 8 35	4 4	53 7	7 3	
Monday	16 Peregrina	" 16	8 46		12 Aretur. so. 10 34	4 4	52 7	8 4	
Tuesday	17 Jodocus	Jude	9 47		25 ♄ ♃ ♄. ♃ ris. 9 20	4 4	52 7	8 5	
Wednesday	18 V. Herberger.	Rev. 17	10 39		8 ♀ rises 2 48	4 4	51 7	9 6	
Thursday	19 Potentia	" 18	11 28		20 Procyon sets 10 7	4 4	50 7	10 7	
Friday	20 Basilla	Levit. 7	morn		2 Spica south 9 34	4 4	49 7	11 8	
Saturday	21 Felix. Cant.	" 8	12 4		14 ☉ enters ☐	4 4	48 7	12 9	
21] 5th Sunday after Easter. St. John 16: 23-30; Jas. 1: 22-27. Day's Length 14 hrs. 24 min.									
Sunday	22 Helena	Levit. 9	12 40		26 22d. Sirius s. 7 46	4 4	48 7	12 10	
Monday	23 Desiderius	Rev. 19	1 12		8 ♃ stationary	4 4	47 7	13 11	
Tuesday	24 Esther	Esther 2	1 41		20 ♄ ♃ ☉. Orion sets 7 33	3 4	46 7	14 12	
Wednesday	25 Urbanus	Acts 3	2 9		2 ♃. ♃ rises 8 52 40	3 4	45 7	15 13	
Thursday	26 Ascension Day	" 5	2 34		14 ♄ in apo. ♄ ♃ ♀. ♀ ris. 2	3 4	44 7	16 14	
Friday	27 Lucianus	" 7	3 4		26 Regulus sets 12 27	3 4	43 7	17 15	
Saturday	28 William	" 8, 1-13	3 31		9 ♄ ♃ ♄. ♃ rises 3 59	3 4	43 7	17 16	
22] 6th Sunday after Easter. St. John 15: 26-16: 4; 1 Pet. 4: 8-11. Day's Length 14 hrs. 36 min.									
Sunday	29 Christiana	Acts 8, 18 ff	4 0		22 ♄ ♃ ♄. Aretur. so. 9 45	3 4	42 7	18 17	
Monday	30 Wigand	" 1, 1-11	♄ sets		5 30th. ♄ ♃ ♃.	3 4	42 7	18 18	
Tuesday	31 Longinus	" 9, 23 ff	8 30		19 ♀ in Aphelion	3 4	41 7	19 19	

Jupiter (♃) is the 24th, in conjunction with the Sun, and cannot be seen.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	8th day,	10 o'clock,	41 min.	Forenoon.
Full Moon,	15th "	1 "	7 "	Morning.
Last Quarter,	22nd "	1 "	12 "	Morning.
New Moon,	30th "	5 "	0 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, thunder; 3, 4, 5, fair; 6, 7, variable; 8, rain; 9, 10, fair; 11, thunder showers; 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, cloudy; 16, 17, 18, fair; 19, 20, cloudy; 21, 22, rain; 23, 24, 25, fair; 26, 27, variable; 28, rain; 29, 30, fair; 31, variable with rain.



SPRING IS HERE.

Spring is coming with her flowers;
And her sunshine and her showers;
Spring is coming—Spring is coming:
Hear the little bees a-humming!

Bursting buds and crimson roses,
Each the happy truth discloses;
Spring has come to deck the bowers;
Spring is laughing thro' the flowers.

And the little birds are singing
Hark! their merry notes are ringing:
Ah! what melody doth float
From each tiny warbler's throat!

Rosy, dimpled, smiling Spring,
What a world of joy you bring!
Every heart with transport greets you,
And to linger long entreats you.

THE liturgical question now agitating our Church, is much like the old question of *German*. It must work its own way. You cannot settle it mechanically. Only time and Christian forbearance can lead to a right conclusion of the whole matter. You cannot by Synodical or Classical action, legislate our people either into a liturgical feeling or out of it. They must grow into it, if at all; or out of it, if at all.

TRY to get out of the old ruts. When something new is recommended by your Synod or Classis, for example the "Apostolic Plan of Sunday Alms-giving," (1 Cor. 16-2), try to introduce it. God's plan is always the best; and for this reason the Church wants you to adopt it. Don't be afraid. Get out of an old course, if the new is better. Out of the old rut then.

ALWAYS have your children baptized in the Church, unless by reason of sickness or other real hinderance you cannot. It is the Lord's sacrament, and belongs to the Sanctuary. Let no feeling of shame, or notion of inconvenience cause you to keep the child away from the congregational baptismal font.

BUY THE CHURCH BOOKS.

When new Church Books are published and announced in the church papers, so few take the trouble to send for them; and even when asked to buy them, they will put off the challenge with some trifling excuse (no time to read; more books now than they use; no money to spare; no need for so many new books,) &c., &c.

Yet these same people—every pastor knows of such cases—will pay traveling agents from two to seven dollars for some trashy and unreliable book on battles, prisons, travel, history and biography.

Alas, alas! when will our people see the terrible folly and sin of neglecting the very books they need for themselves and children, and buying what is perhaps trash, or at best of only worldly interest?

THOSE who think that giving money to the Church is much the same as throwing it away, generally do not throw much away that way.



What is the name of this prophet?

Beside what brook is he sitting?

Near what river?

In what country? (Palestine.)

What birds are those?

What are they doing?

Who sent them?

In what chapter of First Kings can you find the answer to these questions?

TRINITY SUNDAY.

After the Church has celebrated Christmas, Easter and Whitsuntide, the festivals of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, she closes the festival portion of the church year with one final holyday, Trinity Sunday, on which she adores the mystery of a triune God, uniting as it were the joy and adoration of three festivals in one.

See how the early Church, even from the time of the Apostles onward, guarded this holy doctrine of the Trinity, by placing it in so many of her songs of prayer! For example, in the *Gloria Patri*, "Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;" in the *Gloria in Excelsis*, "Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father;" in the *Te Deum*,

"The Father of an infinite Majesty,
Thine adorable, true and only Son,
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter."

So in the Litany, which opens with a most pitiful appeal to the "Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity," for mercy. The Church also through the Apostles' Creed, has for eighteen hundred years placed this mystery in the minds and mouths of her confessing children.

HOW MANY SUNDAYS AFTER TRINITY ARE THERE?

They vary from twenty-three to twenty-seven. Why? Because their number depends on the number of Sundays that fall between Epiphany and Lent. But why do these vary? Because Lent depends—as all the movable feasts depend—on Easter, which like the Jewish Passover, is regulated by the full-moon which comes after the twenty-first of March.

HAND IN THE NAMES.

At communion season when the pastor asks those intending to commune to hand in their names, never fail to do so. He wants to know who are regular, and who are not; and this for two reasons: 1 in order to report to Classis the correct number of communicants; 2 in case you want dismission or other church privilege, there can be no doubt of your good standing.

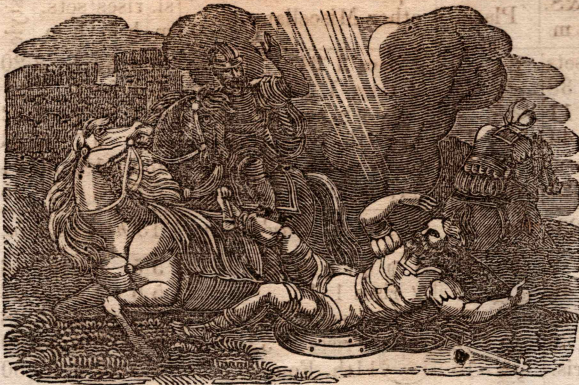
MAKE FREE WITH YOUR PASTOR.

Not that you shall be rudely free to slap him on the shoulder in calling his attention, or knock off his hat for a joke, or pat him under the chin like a child; but be free enough to tell him your troubles, to speak to him without him first speaking to you, to visit him in his home, to ask his advice when you need it, and so to treat him not as a stranger or enemy, but as a Christian friend and superior. It will be good for you and for him. He will think you appreciate his pastoral labors, because you show a kind confidence in return.

STRANGE and ungrateful! That all God's wisdom in ordering the affairs of men, does not satisfy us dependent mortals!

1870.

MOON'S PHASES.					CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.				
First Quarter,	5th day,	11 o'clock,	26 min.	Evening.	-, 2, 3, fair;	4, 5, warmest days;	6, rain;	7, 8, 9, fair;	
Full Moon,	12th "	5 "	30 "	Evening.	10, 11, warm;	12, 13, fair;	14, 15, cloudy;	16, 17, thunder	
Last Quarter,	20th "	9 "	10 "	Morning.	showers;	18, 19, 20, clear;	21, 22, showers;	23, 24, 25, fair;	
New Moon,	28th "	6 "	12 "	Morning.	26, thunder;	27, 28, clear;	29, 30, cloudy;	31, very warm.	



Who has fallen from his horse?
 What light is shining down on him?
 To what city was he going?
 Where is that city from Jerusalem?
 For what was he going there?
 Did he at last get there?
 To whom did he go?
 What was told him?
 What was done to him?
 What did he afterwards do?

A GOOD RESOLUTION.

In villages and country neighborhoods, church officers are often asked for the use of the church for holding a lecture, exhibition or other performance. They should always refuse, because the church has been consecrated to one and only one object, namely, the worship of the Triune God, and they have no right to ask it back for some worldly or merely moral purpose.

A certain congregation in 1868, gave the Lord their church for holy purposes; and soon after the consecration the consistory passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That at no time will the use of the church be allowed for any purpose, but that of divine service.

That resolution has the right ring. The beauty of the matter is, that when any one comes along and asks a member or officer, he can at once be answered, and all trouble saved. There need be no delicacy in the matter, and no meeting of the consistory, and no hard feelings in case of refusal.

Here the matter is settled once for all. Besides it shuts out not only strangers, but also the congregation itself from any improper use of the church for anything like fairs, festivals, rainy-day pic-nics, and other worldly folly.

TRY TO KEEP HIM.

When a congregation or charge has a pastor, who is trying to do his duty among them, it becomes them to try to keep him. To this end they need only rally around the cross and always abound in the work of the Lord. This is very different from fault-finding, idleness, stubbornness, ugly difficulties, petty quarrels, and other annoying sins, which so often drive pastors away. Better try to keep a good man when you have him.

KEEP THEM OUT OF MISCHIEF.

It is a great mistake not to give children books, papers, pictures, music, toys, and other means of pastime and exercise. Body and mind are both growing, and must have something to do. Give them innocent employment or amusement, and you can keep children out of mischief; but refuse these helps, and of course they will seek amusement and exercise on the street and in bad company. A few dollars spent for innocent and useful books, music, toys, &c., are well spent.

THE OLEASTER.

There is a counterfeit Olive-tree in Palestine, called Oleaster, or wild olive. It is in all points like the genuine tree, *Except that it yields no fruit.*

Are there not many such in the Church? When I see a man in the Lord's Vineyard, the Church, taking up room, absorbing light, pruned by chastisement, and enriched by privilege, yet yielding no real fruit, "Ah," I say, "there is an Oleaster!"

VACANT charges. People are bad enough when they have a pastor; how much worse when they have none! Get a shepherd speedily.

AUGUST,

8th Month, 31 Days.

1870.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R.&S. h m	Moon's Place.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellaneous.	s. sl. rises m	SUN h m	SUN sets h m	O. style
Monday	1 <i>Lammas Day</i>	Gen. 50	☾ sets	♏ 5	♀ rises 2 24 ☾	6 4 57	7 3 20		
Tuesday	2 Gus. Adolphus	Psalms 73	10 38	♏ 19	♂ rises 1 23 [9 35	6 4 58	7 2 21		
Wednesday	3 Augustus	Exodus 1	11 11	♏ 3	☾ in per. Wega so.	6 4 59	7 1 23		
Thursday	4 Dominick	" 3	11 44	♏ 17	4th. Spicase. 9 45	6 5 07	0 23		
Friday	5 Oswald	" 5	morn	♏ 0	Altair south 10 43	6 5 16	59 24		
Saturday	6 <i>Tr. of Christ</i>	Mark 9	12 24	♏ 13	♂ rises 2 29	6 5 26	58 25		

32] 8th Sunday after Trinity. St. Matt. 7: 15-23; Rom. 8: 12-17. Day's Length 13 hrs. 54 min.

Sunday	7 Donatus	Exodus 7	1 2	♏ 26	♂ ☾ ♀. ♀ so. 8 39 ☾	5 5 36	57 26		
Monday	8 Emilius	" 8	1 46	♏ 9	♂ rises 1 1	5 5 46	56 27		
Tuesday	9 Ericus	" 9	2 40	♏ 21	Orion rises 2 5	5 5 56	55 28		
Wednesday	10 <i>St. Lawrence</i>	John 12, 24-50	3 36	♏ 3	☾ rises 2 32	5 5 66	54 29		
Thursday	11 Titus	Titus 1	☾ ris.	15	11th. Fom so. 1 26	5 5 76	53 30		
Friday	12 Clara	Exodus 10	7 50	♏ 27	♂ Antares sets 11 16	5 5 86	52 31		
Saturday	13 Hildebert.	" 11	8 18	♏ 9	Arctur. sets 11 41	5 5 96	51 4.		

33] 9th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 16: 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 6-13. Day's Length 13 hrs. 40 min.

Sunday	14 Eusebius	Exodus 12	8 46	♏ 21	♂ rises 12 34	4 5 10	6 50 2		
Monday	15 <i>Assn. V. M.</i>	" 13	9 13	♏ 3	♂ ♀ ☾. ♀ rises 2 16	4 5 12	6 48 3		
Tuesday	16 Rochus	" 14	9 38	♏ 15	Sirius rises 3 56	4 5 13	6 47 4		
Wednesday	17 Bertram	" 15	10 6	♏ 27	☾ in apo. ♀ rises 2 45	4 5 14	6 46 5		
Thursday	18 John Gerhard	" 16	10 36	♏ 9	♂ south 8 10	4 5 15	6 45 6		
Friday	19 Sebaldus	" 17	11 8	♏ 21	19th. Rig. ri. 1 42	3 5 16	6 44 7		
Saturday	20 Bernard	" 18	morn	♏ 4	Orion rises 1 16	3 5 17	6 43 8		

34] 10th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 19: 41-48; 1 Cor. 12: 1-11. Day's Length 13 hrs. 24 min.

Sunday	21 Rebecca	Gen. 24	12 1	♏ 17	♂ ☾ ♀. ♀ rises 12 14	3 5 18	6 42 9		
Monday	22 Philibert	Exodus 19	12 57	♏ 0	♂ rises 2 1	3 5 20	6 40 10		
Tuesday	23 Zaccheus	Luke 19, 1-10	1 43	♏ 14	☾ ☾ ☾. ☾ enters ☾	2 5 21	6 39 11		
Wednesday	24 <i>St. Barthol.</i>	" 22 24-10	2 42	♏ 28	♂ ☾ ♀. ♀ rises 3 2	2 5 22	6 38 12		
Thursday	25 Ludovicus	Exodus 20	3 30	♏ 13	☾ Dog Days end	2 5 23	6 37 13		
Friday	26 Samuel	1 Sam. 1	☾ sets	28	26th. ♀ stationary	2 5 24	6 36 14		
Saturday	27 Gebhard	Exodus 24	7 32	♏ 13	♂. ♀ south 7 50	1 5 25	6 35 15		

35] 11th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-10. Day's Length 13 hrs. 6 min.

Sunday	28 <i>St. Augustin</i>	Exodus 32	8 6	♏ 28	♂ ☾ ♀. ♀ sets 7 26	1 5 27	6 33 16		
Monday	29 <i>St. John beh.</i>	Matth. 14	8 40	♏ 13	☾ in per. 7 * ris. 9 38	1 5 28	6 32 17		
Tuesday	30 Benjamin	Gen. 43	9 16	♏ 28	Altair south 9 10	0 5 29	6 31 18		
Wednesday	31 Paulinus	Exodus 33	9 50	♏ 13	♂ ☾ ♀. ♀ rises 11 56	0 5 31	6 29 19		

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter, 4th day, 3 o'clock, 45 min.	Morning.
Full Moon, 11th " 4 " 8 "	Morning.
Last Quarter, 19th " 2 " 47 "	Morning.
New Moon, 26th " 4 " 23 "	Afternoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, thunder; 2, 3, 4, fair; 5, 6, 7, variable; 8, 9, fair;	
10, 11, cloudy, rainy; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, cloudy; 16, 17,	
thunder showers; 18, 19, variable; 20, 21, fair; 23, thun-	
der showers; 24, 25, 26, clear; 27, 28, rain; 29, 30, warm;	
31, clear.	



WHAT a happy little boy! Why, so happy? Because he is on his way to visit a poor widow, carrying food in the basket, and a book under his arm to read to her, and so to take away her want and her loneliness, and fill her little cottage with Christian sunshine for a whole day. Oh, it is a blessed thing to do good to others, especially to the humble, aged and poor. Instead of spending the time before school in play, he denies himself, and is filling his own heart with joy first, in the act of doing good to another. No wonder he looks so happy.

AMEN.

What does amen, at the close of a prayer, mean? Is it only a signal to sit down? So one might suppose, judging from the manner in which people so hastily and even irreverently begin to change their position, even before the word is fully spoken. How very unbecoming!

Amen is itself part of the prayer, and signifies, "So may it be." It is the Christian's seal to the petitions offered. To speak or hear it so irreverently, and hurry out of God's presence so indifferently, is both shameful and sinful. Of all things, let your worship close "decently, and in order."

TRACTS.

You cannot tell their influence. The boy who to-day reads a plain earnest appeal, may in twenty years afterward, himself be in the ministry through that tract.

The following Reformation story is told about the tracts which Wickliffe prepared about the year 1389:—

A young man from Bohemia went to Oxford for an education. Returning home, he took with him several of Wickliffe's tracts, which he loaned to John Huss. They conveyed light to the mind of Huss, and so powerfully impressed him that he embraced and ever after maintained their doctrines. He used to speak of Wickliffe as an angel sent from heaven, and would mention his meeting with that author's writings as the happiest event of his life.

FUNERAL SERMONS.

The old Palatinate Liturgy of our Church, framed about the same time the Heidelberg Catechism was prepared, has the following very proper rubric:— "In funeral sermons, all extravagant commendation of the departed shall be avoided, lest funeral sermons fall into abuse. They shall aim especially at admonishing and exhorting those who are in attendance to such holiness of life as may issue in a happy and peaceful death. This will be the better secured, and be done more profitably, if one or other of the following topics is dwelt upon; namely: of the death, burial, resurrection and glorification of the body."

How different, oftentimes, the sermons now are! How well, if ministers would take the hint, and people be satisfied with honest sermons to the living!

PRAYER.

"God looks not at the oratory of your prayers, how elegant they may be; nor at the geometry of them, how long they may be; nor at the arithmetic of them, how many they may be; nor at the logic of them, how methodical they may be; but he looks only at the sincerity of them."




STRANGE! Too poor to take a church paper, yet spend from five to twenty-five dollars a year for tobacco and cigars!

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

SEPTEMBER,

9th Month, 30 Days.



1870.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R.&S. h m	Moon's Place. s. d.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellaneous.	S. ft. m	SUN rises h m	SUN sets. h m	O. style
Thursday	1 Egidius	Num. 14	10 35	 27	☾ rises 3 25 ☾	0 5	32 6	28 20	
Friday	2 Eliza	" 15	11 25	 10	2nd ☽ rises 1 54	1 5	33 6	27 21	
Saturday	3 Mansuetus	" 16	morn	 23	☽ ☾ h h south 7 29	1 5	35 6	25 22	


36] 12th Sunday after Trinity. St. Mark 7: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-11. Day's Length, 12 hours, 48 min.

Sunday	4 Moses	Exodus 2	12 1	 6	Sirius rises 2 33 ☾	1 5	36 6	24 23	
Monday	5 Nathaniel	John 1, 29-51	12 44	 18	Orion rises 12 26	1 5	37 6	23 24	
Tuesday	6 Magnus	1 Cor. 2	1 49	 0	♂ rises 11 39	2 5	38 6	22 25	
Wednesday	7 Regina	" 13	2 59	 12	♂ gr. elon. East	2 5	40 6	20 26	
Thursday	8 Nat. V. M.	Matth. 1, 1-16	4 16	 24	♂ sets 7 20	2 5	41 6	19 27	
Friday	9 Bruno	Num. 24	6	 6	9th. ♀ rises 3 42	3 5	42 6	18 28	
Saturday	10 Pulcheria	Deut. 4	7 0	 18	7* rises 8 51	3 5	44 6	16 29	







37] 13th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 10: 23-37; Gal. 3: 15-22. Day's Length, 12 hours, 30 min.

Sunday	11 Protus	" 5	7 30	 0	♂ rises 1 47	3 5	45 6	15 30	
Monday	12 J. Wickliffe	" 6	8 1	 12	Altair south 8 24	4 5	46 6	14 31	
Tuesday	13 Amatus	" 7	8 32	 24	Rigel rises 12 4	4 5	47 6	13 32	
Wednesday	14 Elev. Holy †	John 12, 31-50	9 4	 6	☾ in apo. Fom. so. 11 20	4 5	49 6	11 2	
Thursday	15 Nicomedes	Deut. 7	9 36	 18	☾ h ☾ ♀ rises 4 0	5 5	50 6	10 3	
Friday	16 Euphemia	" 8	10 20	 0	h sets 11 0 [11 2	5 5	51 6	9 4	
Saturday	17 Lambertus	" 9	11 9	 13	17th. ☽ ☾ ♀ ri.	5 5	53 6	7 5	

38] 14th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 17: 11-19; Gal. 5: 16-24. Day's Length 14 hrs. 12 min.

Sunday	18 Siegfried	" 10	morn	 26	☾ ♀ ☾ 7* ris. 8 7 ☾	6 5	54 6	6 6	
Monday	19 Micleta	" 27	12 4	 9	♂ rises 1 33	6 5	55 6	5 7	
Tuesday	20 Fausta	" 28	12 41	 23	☽ ☾ ♀ in perihelion	7 5	56 6	4 8	
Wednesday	21 Emberday	Matth. 9, 9-13	1 24	 7	☽ ☾ ♂ gr. Hel. lat. so.	7 5	57 6	3 9	
Thursday	22 Maurice	Deut. 29	2 28	 21	♀ rises 4 18 [☽ ☾ ♀	7 5	58 6	2 10	
Friday	23 H. Mueller d.	" 30	3 39	 7	☾ ent. ♀ day & ni. equ.	8 5	59 6	1 11	
Saturday	24 St. John con.	" 31	4 55	 22	Autumn Commences.	8 6	1 5	59 12	

39] 15th Sunday after Trinity. St. Matt 6: 24-34; Gal. 5: 25-6; 10. Day's Length 11 hours, 54 min.

Sunday	25 Cleophas	" 32	☾ sets	 7	25th. ☽ ☾ ♂	8 6	3 5	57 13	
Monday	26 Justina	" 33	7 17	 22	☾ in per. ☽	9 6	4 5	56 14	
Tuesday	27 Cosmus	" 34	7 52	 7	♀ rises 4 30	9 6	6 5	54 15	
Wednesday	28 Wencelaus	Josh. 1	8 30	 22	♂ rises 1 30	9 6	7 5	53 16	
Thursday	29 St. Michael	Matth. 18, 1-11	9 12	 6	♂ rises 10 20	10 6	8 5	52 17	
Friday	30 Jerome	Josh. 2	9 59	 19	☽ ☾ h h sets 9 52	10 6	10 5	50 18	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	2nd day,	8 o'clock,	56 min.	Morning.
Full Moon,	9th "	5 "	14 "	Evening.
Last Quarter,	17th "	8 "	34 "	Evening.
New Moon,	25th "	1 "	42 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, clear; 4, 5, 6, variable; 7, 8, cloudy; 9, 10, fair; 11, thunder showers; 12, 13, 14, clear; 15, 16, fair; 17, 18, variable; 19, thunder showers; 20, 21, 22, fair; 23, 24, 25, storm with rain; 26, 27, 28, variable; 29, 30, fair.

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SEE how the pet goat eats out of Lillie's basket! Goats delight to be among rocks and on mountains; they can live on scanty and very coarse food. In mountainous countries, families keep them for their milk, and their flesh, both of which are very good. They are mentioned in the Bible, in 1 Sam. 24: 2, Ps. 104: 18, and other places. They were very common in Palestine and Syria.

THERE are very different ways of measuring your pastor. Some like the *man*, for his social qualities; others like the *preacher*, because he is eloquent and popular; but blessed and beloved of God are those who love the MINISTER, who see in him the "Ambassador for Christ," (2 Cor. 5: 20), who honor and love the *office*, who "esteem them very highly for their works' sake," (1 Thess. 5: 13).

CATECHIZATION is not to prepare your child for confirmation, but only to *finish* that preparation, which should begin already in infancy. The child's learning and holy living must begin in the family. How often this is overlooked!

FEW things are more unpleasant than to meet people who are wise in their own conceits, who know and understand everything, who therefore cannot be taught, or informed, or corrected, whose very look is wise, and whose silence is often so significant. Such persons generally know more than their pastors; yea, in their eyes, even the Church papers and Classes are generally faulty.

THE CONSISTORY.

Every Consistory should have a regular time and place of meeting, either monthly or quarterly as the need may be, and in the church or some other proper place. Then too, these meetings should be regularly opened and closed with prayer, if not also with singing. Those consistory-meetings, which are held on the church steps or on the yard fence, are not very pious, regular and constitutional. If you habitually neglect to ask God's blessing on your official acts, and for His grace in your duties, it is pretty good evidence you do not want His blessing and grace; and you need not wonder if they are withheld, and your work drags.

IN choosing a pastor do not be too choice. Let not a small defect condemn him in your mind. "The pink of perfection," is not found in the ministry. You will wait very long before finding a man without faults. So when you get him, and are not pleased with him in this or that, recollect that likely you also do not please him, in every respect, and that you must both bear with each other's weaknesses.

BE careful what newspapers your children read. Many appear quite harmless, but will really do more hurt, than parents, teachers, and pastors can soon remedy. Their stories and lessons often contain the very worst theology, and draw the child's heart away from Christ and duty, before you are aware of it. Watch, for the enemy soweth tares.





IT is terrible folly for persons either in the Church or out of it, to rest and risk their salvation on liking or disliking the pastor! So many will be regular communicants and active workers if they feel right toward the pastor; otherwise not. They must think very lightly of both the Lord's ordinances and His work! How strange that they do not see that their solemn yows make no allowance for such spells, and that perjury is the consequence of such neglect and disobedience!

DID you say things are not going right in your congregation? Perhaps *you* are not going right. Eh?

OCTOBER,

10th Month, 31 Days.

1870.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R. & S. h m	Moon's Place. s. d.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellaneous.	s. ft. rises m	SUN h m	SUN sets. h m	O. style
Saturday	1 Remigius	Josh. 3	10 48	 2	1st. \odot ri. 4 43 \cup	10 6	11 5	49 19	
40] 16th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 7: 11-17; Eph. 3: 13-21. Day's Length, 11 hrs. 36 min.									
Sunday	2 Ch. Columbus	Josh. 4	11 44	 15	δ rises 1 12	11 6	12 5	48 20	
Monday	3 Jairus	Mark 5	morn	 27	η sets 9 39	11 6	1 3	47 21	
Tuesday	4 Franciscus	Josh. 6	12 40	 9	δ \oslash \odot inferior	11 6	15 5	45 22	
Wednesday	5 Placidus	" 20	1 50	 21	Sirius rises 12 51	12 6	16 5	44 23	
Thursday	6 Fides	" 23	2 59	 3	Antares sets 7 56	12 6	17 5	43 24	
Friday	7 Muhlenberg	" 24	4 9	 15	φ rises 4 56	12 6	19 5	41 25	
Saturday	8 Pelagius	Judges 2	5 19	 27	γ rises 9 50	12 6	20 5	40 26	
41] 17th Sunday after Trinity. St. Luke 14: 1-11; Eph. 4: 1-16. Day's Length 11 hrs. 18 min.									
Sunday	9 Dionysius	Judges 4	\odot ris.	 9	9th. δ rises 1 2	12 6	21 5	39 27	
Monday	10 Gideon	" 5	6 26	 21	Ω η sets 9 16	13 6	23 5	37 28	
Tuesday	11 Burkhard	" 6	6 58	 3	δ \oslash φ rises 5 7	13 6	24 5	36 29	
Wednesday	12 Veritas	" 7	7 30	 15	\odot in apo. \oslash stationary	13 6	25 5	35 30	
Thursday	13 Coloman	" 8	8 3	 27	δ Neptune \odot	14 6	27 5	33 31	O.
Friday	14 Fortunata	1 Cor. 16	8 42	 10	γ stationary	14 6	28 5	32 32	2
Saturday	15 Hedwig	Judges 13	9 23	 22	δ \odot γ rises 9 20	14 6	29 5	31 33	3
42] 18th Sunday after Trinity. St. Matth. 22: 34-46; 1 Cor. 1: 4-9. Day's Length, 11 hrs. 0 min.									
Sunday	16 Gallus	Judges 14	10 16	 6	η sets 8 50 \cup	14 6	30 5	30 4	
Monday	17 Florentina	" 16	11 2	 19	17th. δ \odot \oslash	15 6	32 5	28 5	
Tuesday	18 St. Luke ev.	2 Tim. 4	morn	 3	δ rises 12 55	15 6	33 5	27 6	
Wednesday	19 Ptolemy	Dan. 3	12 8	 16	\oslash gr. elon. west δ \odot δ	15 6	34 5	26 7	
Thursday	20 Felicianus	Judges 17	1 18	 0	\oslash rises 5 7	15 6	35 5	25 8	
Friday	21 Ursula	Ruth 2	2 36	 15	φ rises 5 32	15 6	37 5	23 9	
Saturday	22 Cordula	" 3	3 49	 0	γ rises 8 48	15 6	38 5	22 10	
43] 19th Sunday after Trinity. St. Matth. 9: 1-8; Eph. 4: 17-32. Day's Length, 10 hrs. 42 min.									
Sunday	23 Severinus	Ruth 4	5 8	 15	\odot δ \oslash φ \oslash \odot ent.	16 6	39 5	21 11	
Monday	24 Salome	1 Sam. 4	\odot sets	 0	24th. \odot in per. [\oslash]	16 6	41 5	19 12	
Tuesday	25 Crispin	" 5	6 29	 15	\oslash gr. hel. lat. N.	16 6	42 5	18 13	
Wednesday	26 Amandus	" 6	7 8	 0	7* south 1 50	16 6	43 5	17 14	
Thursday	27 Sabina	" 7	7 52	 14	δ rises 12 49	16 6	44 5	16 15	
Friday	28 Simon Jude	John 15, 17 ff.	8 40	 27	δ \odot η η sets 8 14 \cup	16 6	45 5	15 16	
Saturday	29 Zwinglius	1 Sam. 8	9 32	 10	φ rises 5 49	16 6	47 5	13 17	
44] 4th Sunday before Advent. St. Matth. 9: 18-26; Col. 1: 9-14. Day's Length, 10 hrs. 24 min.									
Sunday	30 Serapion	1 Sam. 9	10 30	 23	Andro. so. 9 58	16 6	48 5	12 18	
Monday	31 Hallow Eve	John 2, 13-17	11 28	 6	31st. γ rises 8 12	16 6	49 5	11 19	

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter,	1st day,	4 o'clock,	29 min.	Afternoon.
Full Moon,	9th "	8 "	55 "	Morning.
Last Quarter,	17th "	1 "	28 "	Afternoon.
New Moon,	24th "	10 "	51 "	Forenoon.
First Quarter,	31st "	3 "	17 "	Morning.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, fair; 3, cloudy; 4, 5, variable; 6, 7, rain; 8, fair; 9, 10, rain; 11, 12, 13, fair; 14, 15, cloudy; 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, rain; 20, 21, fair; 23, 24, clear; 25, 26, 27, 28, rain; 29, 30, fair; 31, cloudy.



THE BALLOON.

"How splendid it looked in the morning,
As it rose towards the glorious sky;
Flags and streamers its sides were adorning,
As mid shouts it ascended on high.

"But ere night its proud beauty was shattered;
When it entered the regions of storm,
It was hurled to the ground, and all tattered
Lay prostrate that beautiful form.

"So all those in their empty pride swelling,
May look for a fall very soon;
For God's Spirit can ne'er find a dwelling
In a heart puffed up like a balloon."

WHO LOST BY IT?

Far too many copies of the Almanac for 1869 were left on hand, unsold, and to go as so much waste paper. They should have been put into every family of the Church, East and West, instead of being sold to merchants and paper-mills for so much per pound.

Whose loss was it? Well, the Publication Board lost a few dollars worth of paper, ink and labor; but by far the greatest loss was to those members of our Church who did not get the Almanac. It contained many useful bits of information, in regard to the Church Year, our Church Work, and other matters of interest: doing without the Almanac, you lost all this, while others gained by it.

Be sure always to get your own Church Al-

manac. Don't be satisfied with a medical, agricultural, or even low comical almanac. Get one that will give you not only all the calculations, signs, &c., but also the best reading matter.

A CHILD'S IDEA OF BAPTISM.

Little Jimmie came home from church one day, and quickly ran to his grandmother to tell her what had happened:

"Grandma, the preacher did baptize me; he put water on my head, and said some words about God."

"Well, Jimmie, do you know for what he baptized you?"

"Yes, ma'am; God wants me to be a good boy."

What a dear little soul! That was his idea of holy baptism—a child's idea—but was it not the true one? God wants us to be good, and in holy baptism gives us the power for this end, the needful grace. Let all our children be taught this beautiful definition of the meaning of baptism.

FINE SERMONS.





Some people are not satisfied with the preaching unless they have what they call a first-class sermon. Sometimes the preacher is dull, or prosy, too doctrinal, or too practical; perhaps you are dull. At all events, you forget that no congregation can possibly always have what you call first-class sermons; just as you cannot always have roasts for dinner, or delightful company for tea. You sometimes need plain food in the pulpit, as well as in the dining-room.

Don't grumble. He likely knows what he is doing, and you will find all for your good, if you only try to turn it to good account. Only study and practice what he preaches, and you will grow in grace and knowledge.

CONTROVERSY.

"If we will be contending, let us contend like the Olive and the Vine, who shall produce the most and best; not like the Aspen and Elm, who shall make the most noise in the wind."

1870.

Sunday	27	Virgilius	2 Chron. 17	9 13		1	☿ in Aphelion	12 7 16 4 44 15
Monday	28	Guntherus	1 Kings 19	10 13		14	☾ rises 6 29	12 7 17 4 43 16
Tuesday	29	Saturninus	2 " 2	11 12		26	♄ 29th. 7 * so. 11 27	11 7 17 4 43 17
Wednesday	30	St. Andrew	Mark 1	morn		8	♁ rises 9 29	11 7 18 4 42 18

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, rain; 3, 4, fair; 5, cloudy; 6, 7, 8, variable; 9, cloudy; 10, 11, fair; 12, 13, clear; 14, 15, fair; 16, rain; 17, 18, 19, clear; 20, 21, pleasant; 22, 23, cloudy; 24, 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, rain; 29, 30, fair.



THE CHILDHOOD OF JESUS.

In the green fields of Palestine,
By its fountains and its rills,
And by the sacred Jordan's stream,
And o'er the vine-clad hills,

Once lived and roved the fairest child
That ever blessed the earth;
The happiest, the holiest,
That ever had a birth.

How beautiful his childhood was!
How harmless, undefiled!
O, dear to his young mother's heart
Was this pure, sinless child.

Kindly in all his deeds and words,
And gentle as the Dove,
Obedient, affectionate,
His very soul was love.

O, is it not a blessed thought,
Children of human birth,
That once the Saviour was a child,
And lived upon the earth?

THE DOLLAR PLAN.

The College at Lancaster, Pa. needs enlarging. It needs not only more professors, but also more buildings. This should encourage our people instead of discouraging them. Surely it is a good sign when a man in business must enlarge his premises and call in more hands.

The congregations of the Eastern Synod are asked to give the money needed for these additional buildings and professors. Synod asks the rich to give their hundreds and thousands, each; but it invites also the poor to help in this great

and good work. Synod at Hagerstown, Md. in October, 1868, adopted the following plan: viz; to let every man, woman, and child,

EACH GIVE ONE DOLLAR,
and enough will be secured to place Franklin and Marshall College beyond want.

Why does Synod ask for only one dollar from each member? Because this plan comes within the reach of almost every family in the Church. To have asked for one hundred dollars, or even for five, would have shut out many who can and will now gladly give one dollar for each in the family. The poor are in this way brought to the work, and interested in the College.

Very many congregations are actively pushing the plan. Let all lay hold of the work.

A CONGREGATION CLASSIFIED.

Every congregation may be set off in classes something like the following:

1. Ready workers, faithful souls, who are always willing and ready to do their duty. They need only know what needs doing, and the work is their delight. These are the "dearly beloved" of the pastor, his "joy and crown," (Phil. 4: 1), his helpers in Christ, whom God will richly reward. (Rom. 16: 1-27)

2. Those who will work, but not unless urged, pushed, coaxed, humored, scolded, shamed, begged or threatened. Their obedience is not lovely, and not much to be praised. They are not reliable, and not much a joy to the pastor. The Lord and His servants most love those who give service and alms with a "willing mind, * * * not grudgingly, or of necessity." (2 Cor. 8-12; 9: 7).

3. Idlers, drones, members who seem indifferent to all the interests and work of the congregation and Church at large. Like John Mark, (Acts 13: 13; 15: 38-40), not doing their duty, they cause many a difficulty.
































To which class do you belong, reader?

WHEN your own Church is open, do not run off from it to another. This is not liberality, but neglect. Loving and honoring your own Church more than another is not bigotry, but strictly according to the fifth commandment. You love your own family better than another; so should you feel in regard to your own spiritual home.

DECEMBER,

12th Month, 31 Days.

1870.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable days.	Daily Bible Lessons.	Moon R. & S. h m	Moon's Place. s. d.	Aspects of Planets and other Miscellaneous.	S. ft. m	SUN rises h m	SUN sets. h m	O. style
Thursday	1 Longinus	2 Kings 5	12 10	 19	♄ sets 5 58	11 7	19 4	41 19	
Friday	2 Candida	" 6	1 19	 1	Altair sets 9 36	10 7	19 4	41 20	
Saturday	3 Cassianus	" 20	2 29	 13	Regulus rises 10 38	10 7	20 4	40 21	
49] 2d Sunday in Advent. St. Luke 21: 25-36; Rom. 15: 4-13. Day's Length 9 hrs. 20 min.									
Sunday	4 Barbara	1 Chron. 16	3 38	 25	♄ rises 12 19	10 7	20 4	40 22	
Monday	5 Abigail	1 Sam. 25	4 48	 8	♄ in apo. ♄	9 7	21 4	39 23	
Tuesday	6 St. Nicholas	Acts 6, 1-7	5 56	 20	♄ Orion rises 6 32	9 7	21 4	39 24	
Wednesday	7 Agathon	Job 38	♄ ris.	 3	♄ 7th. ♄ in ♄	8 7	22 4	38 25	
Thursday	8 Conc. V. M.	Isa. 7	5 20	 16	♄ ♄ superior ♄ ♄	8 7	22 4	38 26	
Friday	9 Joachim	" 32	6 15	 29	♄ rises 5 20	7 7	23 4	37 27	
Saturday	10 Judith	" 37	7 10	 12	Fomal sets 9 48	7 7	23 4	37 28	
50] 3d Sunday in Advent. St. Matt 11: 2-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5. Day's Length 9 hours, 14 min.									
Sunday	11 Damasas	Acts 15, 22 ff.	7 59	 26	♄ ♄ ♄ Mark. se. 12 33	6 7	23 4	37 29	
Monday	12 Marentius	Isa. 38	8 50	 10	7* south 10 19	6 7	24 4	36 30	
Tuesday	13 Lucian	" 39	10 0	 24	♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ south 11 54	5 7	24 4	36 D.	
Wednesday	14 Nicasius	" 40	11 8	 8	♄ Spi. ri. 2 26 [12 12	5 7	24 4	36 2	
Thursday	15 Ignatius	" 41	morn	 22	♄ 15th. ♄ ♄ ♄ ris.	4 7	25 4	35 3	
Friday	16 Eusebius	" 42	12 16	 6	♄ ♄ ♄ Andro. so. 6 24	4 7	25 4	35 4	
Saturday	17 Lazarus	John 11	1 26	 20	♄ gr. Hel. lat. N.	4 7	25 4	35 5	
51] 4th Sunday in Advent. St. John 1: 19-31; Phil. 4: 4-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.									
Sunday	18 Wunibald	Jer. 23	2 38	 4	♄ gr. Hel. lat. S	3 7	25 4	35 6	
Monday	19 Abraham	Gen. 12	3 49	 18	♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ south 11 31	3 7	25 4	35 7	
Tuesday	20 Cath de Bora	Prov. 31	4 59	 2	♄ in per. Ariet. so. 8 8	2 7	25 4	35 8	
Wednesday	21 Emberday	John 20, 24 ff.	6 8	 16	♄ ♄ ♄ shortest day ♄	2 7	26 4	34 9	
Thursday	22 Beata	Hosea 6	♄ sets	 0	♄ 22d. ♄ ♄ ♄ winter	1 7	25 4	35 10	
Friday	23 Dagobert	" 13	5 50	 13	♄ 7* so. 9 33 [com. ♄	1 7	25 4	35 11	
Saturday	24 Adam and Eve	Gen. 2	6 56	 26	♄ ♄ ♄ ♄ sets 6 1	sun 7	25 4	35 12	
52] Christmas. St. Luke 2: 33-40; Gal. 4: 1-7. Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 min.									
Sunday	25 Christmas	Isa. 9, 2-7	7 59	 9	♄ rises 11 59	alt 7	25 4	35 13	
Monday	26 Stephen	Luke 2, 1-20	9 1	 22	♄ south 11 3	1 7	25 4	35 14	
Tuesday	27 St. John Evan.	John 21, 20 ff.	9 59	 5	Orion south 11 24	1 7	25 4	35 15	
Wednesday	28 Holy Innocents	Jer. 31	11 2	 16	♄ Wega sets 8 46	2 7	25 4	35 16	
Thursday	29 Noah	Gen. 6	morn	 27	♄ 29th. Alde. so. 9 55	2 7	24 4	36 17	
Friday	30 David	1 Sam. 16	12 1	 9	Sirius south 12 2	3 7	24 4	36 18	
Saturday	31 Sylvester	Luke 12, 35-40	12 51	 21	♄ rises 11 48	3 7	24 4	36 19	

Venus (♀) is the 8th in conjunction with the Sun. Passes from Morning to Evening Star.

Jupiter (♃) is the 13th in opposition with the Sun and shines all night.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon,	7th day,	9 o'clock,	47 min.	Evening.
Last Quarter,	15th "	4 "	14 "	Evening.
New Moon,	22th "	7 "	19 "	Morning.
First Quarter,	29th "	11 "	36 "	Forenoon.

CONJECTURES OF THE WEATHER.

1, 2, 3, rain and snow; 4, 5, variable; 7, 8, 9, cloudy; 10, snow; 11, 12, clear, cold; 13, cloudy; 14, 15, fair; 16, 17, rain; 18, 19, 20, clear; 21, cloudy; 22, 23, rain and snow; 24, 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, 29, clear; 30, 31, snow.

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM.

There is not a book, except the Bible, that should oftener be in the hands of our people, than the Heidelberg Catechism, or be dearer to them.

It has been published in more than a dozen different languages, (German, English, Greek, Latin, Low Dutch, Spanish, French, Italian, Bohemian, Polish, Hungarian, Arabic, Hebrew and Malay).

Three hundred years old, it comes down to us, sanctified by the piety, study, prayers, tears, and blessings of many thousands of our forefathers. Yea, even for ourselves tender recollections, and fond associations cluster around the book, and our hearts grow warm and the eyes moisten, when we recall the catechetical class of years ago, the number, names, faces, and present condition of those catechumens, the pastor's faithful instruction and earnest prayers, the solemn confirmation, the later years of toil and conflict, and the present joyful hope of everlasting life!

This little book, so full of instruction, and comfort for life and death, is a precious legacy handed down to the Church of the present, and must not be laid aside at confirmation, but be carefully used week by week in the family, not only for the sake of the children, but especially also for the good of the parents. "According to this rule search the Scriptures," was its old German motto, which should still stand on the title-page, as a check to free-thinking and infidelity.

A CALL TO THE MINISTRY.

Some young men think they would like to be ministers, but do not know whether or not they are called; therefore they choose some other work.

But are you called to *that* work? If so, how do you know it? You think you will like it; a friend suggested it; you can be useful there. Very well, apply these same principles in another direction, and see whether there is not a stronger call to the ministry.

God calls men to the ministry very much, as He calls them to any other work, namely: 1. An outward call—the great need of ministers; 2. An inward call—personal piety, reasonable talent, and a tendency to such public life.

How shall you understand and decide your own case, which may be doubtful? Just as Samuel

did, who accepted Eli's explanation of the call, and followed his directions (1 Sam. 3: 4-18). Go to your pastor, and if he is at all a man of good judgment, he can give you good advice.

Why should we not have at least one candidate from every charge yearly? Why not make this a special point in the family, Sunday-school and Catechetical class? Oh, for the time when Christians will see the necessity of doing *all they can* for the Lord! Then will His Kingdom come with power. Get a copy of *THE RIPE HARVEST*, and read it.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL.

The meaning of Christian Burial does not centre in the sermon; that is altogether for the living. Nor does it centre in the feast which is often spread; although many care for but little else, than this terrible impropriety. But its meaning lies in the act of God's minister, who in the service hands the body over to the earth in hope of a blessed resurrection.

What, then, shall be said of those who make everything of the sermon, and hardly regard the dead as buried, without it? Or, worse yet, of those who care nothing about the burial service, but think it dreadful not to have a great feast?

By the way, is it not time for people to see these funeral feasts are utterly unbecoming the solemn occasion, which calls rather for fasting?

You can see, too, that to pronounce a Christian burial service over the grave of one who did not die a Christian, is a serious matter. Those who are not Christians, surely cannot be buried as such. The service has no meaning in their case.

A GAP.

"I so much dislike staying from Church, even once; it makes such a gap," said a faithful hearer of the word. A gap! yes, that is the right word. Often the sermons are closely connected, and a sermon lost leaves a gap which cannot readily be closed. Many think it a small loss to lose a sermon or two; oh, how such persons will regret their neglect, when sickness really prevents their attendance! Allow no gaps to be made!

REMEMBER now thy Creator.

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Mercersburg Review.	" " " "	Quarterly.
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DEATH OF MINISTERS FROM SEPTEMBER 1st, 1868, TO SEPTEMBER 1st, 1869.

NAMES.	LICENSED.	ORDAINED.	RESIDENCE AT TIME OF DEATH.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.
Daniel Hertz.	1823	1824	Ephrata, Pa.	September 22d, 1868.	73
Daniel G. Bragonier.	1834	1834	Shepherdstown, W. Va.	October 23, 1868.	61
Frederick Moyer.	1868		Bremen, Ohio.	January 24, 1869.	23
Albert Helffenstein, Sr.	1808	1808	Shamokin, Pa.	January 30, 1869.	81
Samuel Helffenstein, Jr.	1822	1822	North Wales, Pa.	May 21, 1869.	70
Henry Wagner.	1823	1823	Lebanon, Pa.	May 23, 1869.	63

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